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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

5      Claim 1 (**currently amended**) A composition in compacted form for use for termite monitoring and control comprising a cellulose material selected from the group consisting of purified cellulose and micro-crystalline cellulose as a base bait, said composition being compacted to ~~an optimum a~~ density of not less than approximately 1.033 g/cc.

        Claim 2 (**original**) A composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet.

        Claim 3 (**original**) A composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein said cellulose material is purified cellulose.

        Claim 4 (**original**) A composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein said cellulose material is micro-crystalline cellulose.

        Claim 5 (**original**) A composition as set forth in claim 1 additionally containing an active ingredient for killing or controlling termites.

        Claim 6 (**original**) A composition as set forth in claim 1 additionally containing a termite attractant and/or pheromone.

        Claim 7 (**original**) A composition as set forth in claim 2 wherein said tablet has been compacted to a density of between approximately 1.033 g/cc and 1.377 g/cc.

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Claim 8 **(original)** A composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein said composition is in a compacted form selected from the group consisting of tablets, briquets and extruded forms.

Claim 9 **(currently amended)** A method for monitoring and controlling termite infestations comprising the steps of

(a) preparing a composition in compacted form comprising a cellulose material selected from the group consisting of purified cellulose and micro-crystalline cellulose, said composition being compacted to ~~an optimum~~ a density of not less than approximately 1.033 g/cc;

(b) placing said composition in a bait station;

(c) monitoring said station at periodic time intervals for termites; and

(d) upon observing termite infestation in said bait station, replacing the composition in said bait station with a bait composition containing a termite killing agent.

Claim 10 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet.

Claim 11 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said cellulose material is purified cellulose.

Claim 12 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said cellulose material is micro-crystalline cellulose.

Claim 13 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said composition additionally contains a termite attractant and/or pheromone.

Claim 14 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said termite killing agent is selected from the group consisting of chitin synthesis inhibitors, juvenile hormone mimics, stomach toxicants, contact insecticides and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 15 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 10 wherein said tablet has been compacted to a density of between approximately 1.033 g/cc and 1.377 g/cc.

Claim 16 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said composition is in a compacted form selected from the group consisting of tablets, briquets and extruded forms.

Claim 17 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 9 wherein said composition in compacted form is in the form of a tablet prepared by applying a tableting pressure of between approximately 516 and 1377 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 18 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 14 wherein said synthesis inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of hexaflumuron, flufenoxuron, lufenuron and dimilin.

Claim 19 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 18 wherein said synthesis inhibitor is dimilin.

Claim 20 **(currently amended)** A method for controlling termite infestations comprising the steps of

- 5 (a) preparing a composition in compacted form comprising a cellulose material selected from the group consisting of purified cellulose and micro-crystalline cellulose, said composition being compacted to **an optimum a** density of not less than approximately 1.033 g/cc, and a termite killing agent; and
- (b) placing said composition in a bait station.

Claim 21 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein said composition is in the form of a tablet.

Claim 22 **(original)** A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein said cellulose material is purified cellulose.

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Claim 23 (**original**) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein said cellulose material is micro-crystalline cellulose.

Claim 24 (**original**) A method as set forth in claim 20 wherein said termite killing agent is dimilin.